

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 691**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Daucher**

February 19, 2003

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An act to add Section 1271.2 to the Health and Safety Code, relating to care facilities.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 691, as introduced, Daucher. Skilled nursing facilities: standing orders: vaccines.

Under existing law, the State Department of Health Services is responsible for the licensure and regulation of health facilities, including skilled nursing facilities, as defined.

This bill would require a licensed skilled nursing facility to offer patients the option of requesting the issuance of standing orders, as defined, for influenza or pneumococcal vaccines, or both.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 1271.2 is added to the Health and Safety  
2 Code, to read:  
3 1271.2. (a) A health facility licensed as a skilled nursing  
4 facility, as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 1250, shall offer  
5 patients the option of requesting the issuance of standing orders for  
6 influenza or pneumococcal vaccines, or both.

- 1 (b) For purposes of this section, “standing orders” means
- 2 written orders that are used or intended to be used in the absence
- 3 of a prescriber’s specific orders for a specific patient.

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